

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Creation of Vigilance Cell at State Level in the O/o Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad and District levels in the O/o District Water Management Agencies – Administrative Sanction - Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.259

Dated:26.07.2010

Read:

From the Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad
Note file No. 8342/RD.V (1)/09, dt:14.9.2009.

ORDER:

In the reference read above the Commissioner Rural Development, Hyderabad has reported that the Department of Rural Development is implementing various Central/State sponsored programmes on large scale in the State. All these programmes are targeted to reach the poorest of the poor people in the rural areas. The main programmes that are being implemented are National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Watershed Development programmes (i.e DPAP, DDP, IWDP), Comprehensive Land Development Programmes (CLDP) etc., In order to implement these schemes, an amount of Rs.5100.00 Crores have been allocated during the year 2009-2010.

2. Nearly 14 lakh works worth Rs.2,500 crores are under implementation under NREGS spread all over the villages in the State. Social Audit has been identifying instances where irregularities have occurred in implementation of these programmes. In order to avoid corrupt practices during the course of implementation of the scheme, there is a need to ensure proper check on implementation of all these programmes to reach the benefits to the targeted groups. The Government have decided to set up vigilance cell in the O/o Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad at the State level and 22 DWMA offices at district levels.

3. The objectives of creation of Vigilance cell are as follows:

1. To maintain strict Vigilance to ensure qualitative and quantitative works.
2. To check irregularities and other malpractices in implementation of the programmes and to combat corruption.
3. Action and follow-up on the erring staff as per rules.

4. The duties and responsibilities of vigilance cell at the state and District level are as follows:

- i. To deal with Vigilance /ACB and disciplinary cases relating to corruption, criminal misconduct and misappropriation of all the staff involved in implementation of Rural Development programmes including Gazetted, non-Gazetted, Contract Staff.

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- ii. To conduct surprise visits and field level inspections to proactively detect cases of irregularities / illegalities that may occur in implementation. Vigilance cell shall also take up investigation into cases of fraud detected during Social Audit/ Quality Control inspection / inspection by senior officers from office of the Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad.
 - iii. To receive complaints from general public against the implementation of schemes or implementing officers/staff.
 - iv. To conduct preliminary investigation into the allegations made in the complaint, so as to verify and ascertain the substance in the complaints and submit the same to the Disciplinary Authority/ Head of Department.
 - v. To examine the nature of complaints and suggest systematic changes for reducing the scope for corruption, for e.g. simplification of office procedure or process changes in schemes etc.
 - vi. To assist in preparing draft articles of charges and correspond with the District Administration / Head of the Department in taking up disciplinary action.
 - vii. To maintain proper records regarding the Vigilance/ Disciplinary Cases pending against the staff of the Department and constantly monitor the same till they reach to its logical conclusion and are enforced or complied with.
5. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby accord permission to the Commissioner, Rural Development for creation of the Vigilance Cell in the Office of the Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad and in offices of all the 22 DWMA's in the State.
6. The Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad shall take further necessary action accordingly
7. This order issued in the concurrence of Finance (EXPR & RD) Department, vide their U.O.Note.No.18093/264/Expr.PR&RD/2010, Dated:24.07.2010.
8. A copy of this order is available on the Internet and can be accessed at the address: <http://www.rd.ap.gov.in>.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (RD)

To
The Commissioner, Rural Development, Hyderabad.

Copy to:-
The Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Hyderabad.

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The Prl. Accountant General, Saifabad, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Hyderabad.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, AP Hyderabad.
All the District Collectors in the State,
All the Project Directors, DWMA's in the State.
The P.S. to Prl. Secretary to Chief Minister.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government
The P.S. to Prl. Secretary to Government, Finance Department.
The P.S. to Prl. Secretary to Government (RD)
The O.S.D. to Minister for Rural Development, Hyderabad.
The Finance (Expr.PR. & RD) Department
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